

What is Claimed is:

1. A method comprising:
 - (A) intercepting at least one key code;
 - (B) determining if the intercepted at least one key code is authorized; and,
 - (C) blocking the intercepted at least one key code if the intercepted at least one key code is not authorized.

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2. The method claimed in claim 1 wherein said intercepting comprises: intercepting a plurality of key codes, and, wherein said determining comprises determining if said plurality of key codes comprise an authorized key sequence.

3. The method claimed in claim 1 further comprising:

(D) displaying a message if the intercepted key code is not authorized.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein said determining comprises comparing said intercepted at least one key code with a table.

5. The method claimed in claim 1 further comprising:

(D) storing said key code in device state storage if said key code is authorized.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein said key code is received from an event queue.

7. A method of claim 1 wherein said determining comprises temporarily storing intercepted key codes in a buffer, and comparing at least two of said temporarily stored key codes with a table.

4. The method of claim 3 comprising:

(A) displaying a security preference dialog box;

(B) receiving a password;

- (C) verifying said password;
- (D) receiving a command to select an access level; and,
- (E) modifying said table in response to said received command.

SUB B27 9. The method of claim 2 wherein said intercepting, determining, and blocking occurs in a filter layer and includes: providing input to a higher level driver from a remote terminal thereby by-passing said filter layer.

5. 10. The method of claim 4 further comprising:

- (D) receiving a command to not load security program the next time operating system is loading; and,
- (E) modifying memory so that security program is not loaded the next time the operating system is loaded.

SUB B37 N. A method comprising:

- (A) setting gamma tables to zero;
- (B) loading operating system components; and,
- (C) setting gamma tables to normal values.

12. The method of claim 11 further comprising;

- (C.1) sending data to a remote terminal before it reaches an interrupt handler.

12. 13. An apparatus comprising:

- (A) means for intercepting a key code;
- (B) means for determining if the intercepted key code is authorized; and,
- (C) means for passing the intercepted key code to a key map if the intercepted key code is authorized.

14. A computer readable medium storing computer executable instructions that when loaded adapts a computer device to:

- (A) intercept at least one key code;
- (B) determine if the intercepted at least one key code is authorized; and,
- (C) block the intercepted at least one key code if the intercepted at least one key code is not authorized.

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